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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural export volume for September totaled 11.2 million metric tons, up 29 percent from 8.7 million tons exported during September 1986 and up 12 percent from August 1987. Strong soybean and corn sales accounted for much of the year-to-year increase. However, as in previous months, significant increases also were registered in exports of raw cotton and such high-value products as poultry meat, almonds, grapes and red meats. September's agricultural export value totaled \$2.33 billion, up 22 percent from September 1986 and up 9 percent from August's levels.

Fiscal 1987 export volume totaled 129.2 million tons, an increase of 18 percent from fiscal 1986. Grain exports, which accounted for most of the volume increase, were spurred by lower U.S. prices, reduced competitor supplies and the Export Enhancement Program. As a consequence, the U.S. share of world grain trade increased to 36 percent--up from 31 percent last year. Significant volume gains also were registered in cotton (160 percent), dried beans (45 percent), poultry meat (42 percent), alcoholic beverages (38 percent), citrus fruit juices (30 percent), corn (27 percent), grain sorghum (24 percent), soybean meal (22 percent), feed and fodders (22 percent) and red meats (20 percent).

Export value for fiscal 1987 totaled \$27.9 billion, up \$1.5 billion from 1986. Lower prices for major grain products offset some of the strong volume gains and held the year-to-year increase in total export value to a modest 6 percent. Major markets registering significant increases in U.S. export value were: European Community--up \$334 million (5 percent); Japan--up \$418 million (8 percent); Canada--up \$315 million (22 percent); and South Korea--up \$416 million (33 percent). In fact, 13 of the U.S. top 20 markets showed gains of 5 percent or more over fiscal 1986.

Imports for September totaled \$1.58 billion, down 2 percent from September 1986. September's figures brought the fiscal 1987 agricultural import totals to \$20.6 billion--down 1 percent from last year.

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September's competitive imports were valued at \$1.08 billion--up 9 percent from September of last year. For the entire fiscal year, competitive imports totaled a record \$13.9 billion, up 6 percent from 1986. Competitive imports have risen slowly but steadily over the last five years, and now comprise 67 percent of total imports--up from 62 percent in 1986.

Some significant increases in competitive imports in 1987 were beef and veal--up \$300 million (26 percent), pork--up \$226 million (25 percent), furskins--up \$97 million (75 percent) and alcoholic beverages--up \$61 million (3 percent).

Noncompetitive agricultural imports totaled \$495 million in September--down 19 percent from September 1986. (Noncompetitive products are items such as bananas and plantains, coffee, cocoa, rubber and allied gums, spices and tea.) For fiscal 1987, noncompetitive imports totaled \$6.79 billion--down 14 percent from fiscal 1986. Most of the decline was due to a \$1.2 billion drop in coffee imports, the result of sharply lower world prices.

The September agricultural trade surplus was \$757 million, up \$158 million from August, and the 14th consecutive month the United States has run a surplus. September's performance brings the fiscal 1987 trade surplus to \$7.2 billion, up \$1.8 billion from the \$5.4 billion level of 1986.

U.S. Agricultural Trade
(Billion dollars)

-----FISCAL YEAR-----

	1986	1987	Percent
	Actual	Actual	Change
Exports	26.3	27.9	5.8
Imports	20.9	20.7	-1.4
Trade balance	5.4	7.2	---

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987

COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)		
		QUANTITY	VALUE		QUANTITY	VALUE	
HORTICULTURAL PROD.							
TREE NUTS.....	MT	213,544	173,440	-19	491,589	593,690	+21
FRUIT.....	MT	828,905	926,024	+12	1207,783	1419,455	+18
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	456,063	536,597	+18	459,217	497,220	+8
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT	63,975	66,345	+4	344,190	438,420	+27
CANNED.....	MT	136,495	148,799	+9	63,469	67,667	+7
DRIED.....	MT	96,467	115,072	+19	192,513	230,985	+20
JUICES.....	GAL	532,053	531,220	---	148,394	185,163	+25
VEGETABLES, FRESH.....	MT	339,802	388,202	+14	226,788	252,183	+11
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT				287,835	332,916	+16
OTHER.....	XXX				452,787	553,756	+22
TOTAL.....	XXX				2,666,782	3,152,000	+18
						205,321	293,666 +43
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.							
SUGAR & SWEETENERS.....	XXX				143,524	199,412	+39
COFFEE.....	MT	12,697	13,887	+9	87,866	91,268	+4
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX				200,923	219,361	+9
OTHER.....	XXX				355,294	391,101	+10
TOTAL.....	XXX				787,606	901,142	+14
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX					80,997	69,559 -14
							1914,980 2334,003 +22

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.

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1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.

2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

TRADE AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION DIVISION
TRADE AND MARKETING BRANCH, IAS, FAS, USDA

**U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987**

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COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%
TOBACCO UNMFG.							
BURLEY.....	MT	45,734	48,787	+7	295,210	276,259	-6
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	126,500	120,346	-5	812,897	747,750	-8
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	7,703	10,955	+42	35,734	49,336	+38
MARYLAND.....	MT	2,743	2,254	-18	16,610	13,433	-19
CIGAR.....	MT	1,220	945	-23	29,365	21,256	-28
OTHER LEAF.....	MT	6,127	3,092	-50	43,075	22,416	-48
STEMS.....	MT	34,001	37,652	+11	84,795	73,184	-14
TOTAL.....	MT	224,029	224,030	--	1,317,685	1,203,634	-9
POULTRY PRODUCTS							
MEAT....							
BROILER.....	MT	225,784	329,737	+46	231,511	346,711	+50
TURKEY.....	MT	11,844	13,369	+13	14,013	15,504	+11
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	7,373	13,228	+79	8,283	14,698	+77
EGGS.....	DOZ.	25,375	31,224	+23	37,317	42,206	+13
EGG PRODUCTS.....	MT	24,684	17,044	-31	37,958	37,678	-1
OTHER.....	XXX:				126,226	137,538	+9
TOTAL.....	XXX:				455,308	594,334	+31
DAIRY PRODUCTS							
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	367,447	334,151	-9	220,843	220,005	--
CHEESE.....	MT	13,228	17,090	+29	26,216	31,862	+22
BUTTER.....	MT	25,999	14,312	-45	40,151	17,674	-56
OTHER.....	XXX:				146,036	225,245	+54
TOTAL.....	XXX:				433,245	494,787	+14
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.							
MEAT....							
BEEF.....	MT	412,788	492,807	+19	940,991	1188,203	+26
PORK.....	MT	138,166	220,682	+60	539,055	734,079	+36
VARIETY.....	MT	28,571	29,986	+5	80,757	104,852	+30
TALLOW.....	MT	246,051	242,139	-2	321,179	349,272	+9
LARD.....	MT	1254,660	1123,153	-10	423,416	366,571	-13
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	50,926	46,593	-9	25,480	22,462	-12
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX:	105,238	122,009	+16	120,992	98,854	-18
FURSKINS.....	NO	13223,372	15625,762	+18	1,157,575	1,277,205	+10
OTHER.....	XXX:				203,820	297,056	+46
TOTAL.....	XXX:				642,925	705,151	+10

COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR	MT	26599,342	29647,494	+11	3,485,823	3,086,017	-11
WHEAT	MT	25505,521	28230,023	+11	3,260,416	2,879,282	-12
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	1093,821	1417,471	+30	225,407	206,735	-8
RICE	MT	2382,233	2453,904	+3	647,507	550,525	-15
COARSE GRAINS	MT	35998,965	47439,637	+32	3,743,154	3,682,935	-2
CORN	MT	31104,104	39349,290	+27	3,290,981	3,044,872	-7
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	4111,538	5118,541	+24	385,734	391,296	+1
BARLEY	MT	756,363	2945,697	+289	62,891	243,634	+287
OATS	MT	20,729	11,080	-47	2,799	1,769	-37
RYE	MT	6,231	15,029	+141	749	1,364	+82
FEEDS & FOODERS 1/	MT	8214,692	10002,683	+22	1,241,747	1,423,687	+15
PULSES	MT	437,402	557,458	+27	204,266	271,940	+33
BEANS, DRIED	MT	294,120	426,650	+45	140,226	225,225	+61
PEAS, DRIED	MT	100,263	94,877	-5	33,671	27,820	-17
LENTILS, ETC., DRI	MT	43,019	35,931	-16	30,369	18,895	-38
OTHER	XXX:				334,552	287,013	-14
TOTAL		73,632,634	90,101,176	+22	9,657,048	9,302,117	-4
					6704,009	8615,642	+29
					766,656	881,848	+15
GRAINS AND FEEDS							
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OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS							
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	20876,732	22017,175	+5	4,512,788	4,510,230	--
SOYBEANS	MT	20122,594	21321,719	+6	4,170,494	4,190,864	--
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	368,059	332,890	-10	96,592	86,270	-11
PEANUTS	MT	326,270	251,233	-23	225,224	205,186	-9
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	59,809	111,333	+86	20,478	27,910	+36
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	5475,778	6661,413	+22	1,113,189	1,333,269	+20
OTHER MEAL	MT	138,121	159,147	+15	18,684	21,298	+14
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	1255,610	1000,466	-20	703,469	484,288	-31
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	570,297	538,461	-6	291,755	222,944	-24
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	205,450	155,655	-24	109,552	67,093	-39
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	200,658	97,716	-51	108,327	47,204	-56
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	279,205	208,634	-25	193,835	147,047	-24
OTHER	XXX:				103,931	128,263	+23
TOTAL		27,746,241	29,838,201	+8	6,452,060	6,477,348	--
					1314,902	1951,573	+48
SEEDS	MT	204,256	255,255	+25	356,639	361,128	+1
					16,714	14,169	-15
					22,448	21,997	-2
COTTON & LINTERS							
RAW COTTON 2/	STB:	2212,612	5998,628	+171	677,570	1,419,322	+109
LINTERS 2/	STB:	162,299	107,944	-33	14,293	10,039	-30
SILK	STB:	423	134	-68	229	81	-65
TOTAL	STB:	2375,333	6106,706	+157	692,092	1,429,443	+107

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987

COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)		
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%
		10/85-09/86: 10/86-09/87:DIF	10/86-09/87:DIF	%	1986 : 1987	1986 : 1987	%
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.							
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED	MT	2018,028	1572,201	-22	663,476	504,553	-24
SWEETENERS	MT	1184,782	984,771	-17	338,742	257,325	-24
COCOA & PRODUCTS	MT	506,717	502,820	-1	1,189,041	1,087,678	-9
COFFEE	MT	1222,819	1206,763	-1	4,401,235	3,234,794	-27
ESSENTIAL OILS	MT	10,727	12,149	+13	112,086	115,256	+3
TEA	MT	88,940	80,095	-10	135,748	113,748	-16
SPICES	MT	161,412	169,669	+5	348,785	397,290	+14
FIBERS	MT	55,556	51,544	-7	31,486	30,137	-4
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS	MT	800,671	823,646	+3	614,820	714,320	+16
OTHER	XXX				144,776	162,550	+12
TOTAL	XXX				7,980,195	6,617,652	-17
GRAND TOTAL	XXX				20,873,524	20,649,714	-1
							-2
							1607,654 1577,188 -2

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**U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987**

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COMMODITIES	CUMULATIVE TO DATE			CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)		
	UNIT:	QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE	
		%	%	%	%	%
DAIRY PRODUCTS						
CHEESE, QUOTA	MT	108,397	99,728	-8	295,760	294,372
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA	MT	24,521	26,261	+7	85,064	102,402
CASEIN	MT	101,543	111,721	+10	198,227	232,759
OTHER	XXX:				21,160	18,380
TOTAL.....	XXX:				600,211	647,913
				+8		
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.						
WOOL.	MT	42,006	48,046	+14	151,828	186,706
MEAT.	MT	1138,836	1282,075	+12	2,248,336	2,796,859
BEEF AND VEAL	MT	693,342	777,875	+12	1,252,292	1,574,751
PORK	MT	405,716	462,094	+14	899,524	1,125,213
OTHER (EDIBLE)	MT	39,778	42,106	+6	96,520	96,895
LIVE CATTLE..	NO	1202,559	1433,810	+19	390,158	461,560
OTHER LIVESTOCK	NO	676,308	527,120	-22	246,786	148,017
HIDES & SKINS	XXX:				66,067	49,160
FURSKINS.....	XXX:				133,972	231,080
OTHER	XXX:				174,641	205,678
TOTAL.....	XXX:				3,411,788	4,102,655
				+20		
HORTICULTURAL PROD.						
FRUIT.....	MT	2,347,216	2,582,694	+10		
FRESH.....	MT	1,206,501	1,385,424	+15		
PREP. & PRES.	MT	546,933	443,128	+2	469,494	+6
JUICES.....	LIT:	3388,789	697,587	+7	727,776	+4
VEGETABLES, FR/FZ..	MT	1705,118	+17	802,696	695,232	-13
VEG., PREP., PRES...	MT	520,157	-4	441,056	481,930	+9
TREE NUTS.....	XXX:				380,705	378,632
WINE.....	LIT:	382,595	-15	1,038,512	1,007,185	-3
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV	LIT:	1179,278	+7	812,753	918,756	+13
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX:				352,876	369,494
OTHER	XXX:				378,747	420,183
TOTAL.....	XXX:				6,554,561	6,854,105
				+5		

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OCTOBER 1985 - SEPTEMBER 1987

COMMODITIES	UNIT:	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (SEPTEMBER)							
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	QUANTITY	VALUE	%	1986	1987	DIF	1986	1987	DIF
GRAINS AND FEEDS													
WHEAT & PRODUCTS....	MT :	525,225	710,614	+35	405,061	487,818	+20	32,039	57,424	+79	37,072	47,563	+28
BARLEY & MALT....	MT :	188,595	195,748	+4	27,797	21,313	-23	5,185	28,208	+444	1,035	2,480	+140
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/	MT :	779,006	617,422	-21	76,746	57,084	-26	26,246	39,355	+50	4,206	3,794	-10
PULSES.....	MT :	36,790	44,273	+20	19,638	22,652	+15	2,676	3,538	+32	1,572	1,743	+11
OTHER.....	XXX:				342,109	363,430	+6				28,809	51,536	+79
TOTAL.....	XXX:		871,350		952,297	+9					72,694	107,116	+47
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS													
OILSEEDS.....	MT :	153,644	116,058	-24	53,221	42,254	-21	8,070	18,664	+131	2,726	4,263	+56
COCONUT OIL.....	MT :	551,842	492,891	-11	211,941	153,894	-27	39,144	59,645	+52	10,351	23,616	+128
PALM OIL.....	MT :	277,464	214,984	-23	106,356	56,280	-47	20,610	6,541	-68	5,565	2,067	-63
OTHER VEG. OILS....	MT :	306,147	395,578	+29	199,047	238,078	+20	18,313	31,620	+73	11,012	19,547	+78
OTHER.....	MT :	177,593	305,514	+72	54,002	77,022	+43	16,184	27,415	+69	4,656	6,430	+38
TOTAL.....	MT :	1466,691	1525,024	+4	624,566	567,528	-9	102,322	143,885	+41	34,310	55,923	+63
SEEDS.....	MT :	55,668	86,162	+55	104,339	146,815	+41	5,206	4,559	-12	9,899	11,003	+11
COTTON,LINTERS,SILK...:	MT :	41,692	37,809	-9	19,892	14,466	-27	1,135	2,341	+106	900	870	-3
TOBACCO UNMFG.													
CIGARETTE LEAF....	MT :	166,276	175,977	+6	546,434	574,460	+5	14,039	10,971	-22	46,836	33,145	-29
CIGAR LEAF.....	MT :	3,739	4,953	+32	19,834	21,344	+8	267	381	+43	1,870	1,733	-7
SCRAP & STEMS.....	MT :	38,224	42,956	+12	39,221	38,198	-3	3,711	2,565	-31	3,296	2,339	-29
TOTAL.....	MT :	208,238	223,886	+8	605,489	634,001	+5	18,017	13,917	-23	52,002	37,217	-28
POULTRY PRODUCTS													
FEATHERS & DOWN....	MT :	9,284	11,603	+25	64,611	72,722	+13	1,227	846	-31	7,299	4,856	-33
POULTRY MEAT.....	MT :	3,273	3,631	+11	11,965	14,220	+19	375	241	-36	989	973	-2
EGGS & PRODUCTS....	XXX:				15,619	15,234	-2				1,202	1,563	+30
OTHER.....	XXX:				8,938	10,107	+13				1,265	605	-52
TOTAL.....	XXX:		101,133		112,283	+11					10,756	7,997	-26